

PUBLIC NOTICE
Affordable Housing Commission – Rescheduled Monthly Meeting
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

Charlestown Town Hall, Annex Conference Room, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, Rhode Island

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. ROLL CALL.

3. MINUTES. Approval of minutes: May 30, 2013, Regular Meeting; June 19, 2013, Special Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS. June Communications Report. Review and brief discussion of communications and documents received since May 30, 2013 meeting.

5. STAFF REPORTS on current Affordable Housing issues. Town Planner Ashley Hahn Morris: status report comprehensive permit applications, comprehensive plan update Housing Element.

6. REPORT, TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON. Scheduled summit at State House to discuss immediate funding issues.

7. NEW BUSINESS: Continuation of SPECIAL BUSINESS from June 19, 2013, Special Meeting: Consideration of current status of proposed affordable housing construction projects previously approved for conditional bond funding (Shannock Village Cottages and ChurchWoods,) and preparation of an advisory letter for the Town Council.

Recent communication from Rhode Island Housing asserts that the senior housing component is not a viable application for federal funds administered by Rhode Island Housing. The predevelopment grant for ChurchWoods was denied on those grounds. Most recently, RIH has further stated that it will not likely take the Shannock parcel into the Land Bank. These decisions imperil both projects, and may cause the two parcels to be lost for development as affordable housing. The Town Council has asked the Affordable Housing Commission to provide an advisory on how to proceed with the proposed Town funding.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a) Commissioners' Liaison Assignments: Review and appointment of AHC liaison assignments to other Town Boards and Commissions.

b) Affordable H.O.M.E.S. Follow-up: Discussion of state Farm Forest Open Space program as model for Affordable H.O.M.E.S. proposal.

c) Commission Goals: Progress reports on subcommittee assignments.

d) Special Projects List/Commission Assignments and progress reports not requiring Commission action. Any Commissioner may propose or volunteer for independent research topics, data or document compilations, or draft documents that advance the work being undertaken by the Commission. Any Commissioner may volunteer to undertake any special project not already assigned.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. NEXT MEETING. The regular meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2013, which was rescheduled to tonight, will not be held unless voted on by the Commission as a continuation of tonight's agenda. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m..

11. ADJOURNMENT

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